

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

CITY COUNCIL POLICY No. 2016 - 01

POLICY REGARDING "NON-MEETINGS"

It is the policy of the Portsmouth City Council that 'non-meetings' will be held only when necessary in order to discuss 'strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining,' or 'consultation with legal counsel,' as allowed under the New Hampshire Right-To-Know Law, and that when they are held:

- (1) The purpose of the 'non-meeting' will be publicly disclosed in a motion;
- (2) A public roll-call vote will be taken prior to going into the 'non-meeting;'
- (3) Discussion in the 'non-meeting' will be limited to that topic and no other topic;
- (4) A record will be kept of when the 'non-meeting' begins, ends, and who is in attendance and that shall be a permanent public record.

This policy shall take effect upon the passage by the City Council.

Adopted by the Portsmouth City Council on <u>January 25, 2016</u>. Ratified by the Portsmouth City Council on January 16, 2018. Ratified by the Portsmouth City Council on January 8, 2020. Ratified by the Portsmouth City Council pm January 24, 2022.